

# from the **FOOTPLATE**

## ***Be prepared for a big day in August !!***

The club birthday run is on again.



*This year will be bigger and better than ever before. We have a better reason for organising the birthday/invitational run other than an annual event.!*

*As most of the club members will know by now, we are using this years event to raise funds for the Gillams sawmill at Grandchester. What some folk may not know is that the Ipswich City Council has come on board and are helping to organise the attractions, parking, signage, advertising and more volunteer helpers, as well as some much needed funds to get this all up and going.*

*Extra to the usual static steam locomotive displays, will be Face painting, Jumping Castle, Coffee Van, Ice Cream Van, Lions sausage sizzle and a vintage engine display as well as our usual souvenir stall and our own canteen.*

*Our hard working President has been at several meetings with the councillors, nutting out all pros' and cons' of organising the day.*

*All will be revealed at the next meeting and we hope that we will get a lot more visiting locomotives this year to make it a wonderful day.*

### Toowoomba model train exhibition

*We had a very successful run at Toowoomba again this year with the portable track and Dave Muscat and Steve Wilson double headed both days. Peter Bodetti went as guard nearly all day Saturday and we welcomed the return of Layton Dixon to the club and he was put to work on the Sunday when he visited with Grandad Ronny.*

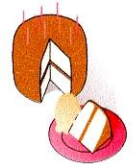
*It was an incident free weekend as far as the public was concerned but Dave had a bit of trouble with his loco but after a few heads got together, it was up and running again and worked hard all weekend. This was unusual for Daves loco as one can usually not kill it with a stick !*

*Stevs loco just kept chuffing along as usual and he even ran on char without being tempted to throw in a bit of coal ! As usual, the weather was frosty but Dave, Steve and Jen made the Saturday night dinner a heap of fun with their joking around etc and it was good to get into bed and get warm. I think we were all too tired to be cold, although Steve nearly cooked himself with his electric blanket !*

### Last running day..

*We had an extremely busy day this month with 2 birthday parties being booked in and the surprise visit of a wandering 4 w.d. club. All hands were needed on the day but some members worked all day with out hardly a break.*

*A new visitor came interested in joining the club. He wants to build a steam traction engine which will be a welcome addition to our stable of different engines amongst the members.*



**Dave and Steve double heading at Toowoomba Model Train Exhibition.**